

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 7-12, and for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 6. Applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 13-18; amended claims 2-6; and added new claim 19-21. Accordingly, claims 2-12 and 19-21 are presently pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following arguments.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 3 and 6 as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner Claims 3 and 6 have been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of independent claim 1 from which each depended. Claim 3 has further been amended to correct a minor clerical error. Claims 2, 4, and 5 have been amended to change their dependency from claim 1 to allowable claim 3. New claims 19, 20, and 21 have identical limitations as claims 2, 4, and 5, respectively, and depend from allowable claim 6. Claim 1 and withdrawn claims 13-18 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments do not add any new matter.

For the above cited reasons, all of the claims presently pending in this application are believed to be allowable. If the Examiner has any further questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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